

Scottish Dressage Group Newsletter November 2013

AGM Reminder: Monday 25 November 2013 7pm Stables Bar followed by talk from guest speaker Catherine Eardley on “Dressage to Music”. Please come along to this important club event. It is also an opportunity to meet other members. The AGM and club prize giving will be followed by a very informative, and entertaining, talk from Catherine. If there is anything you wish to know about doing dressage to music then this is the evening for you!

Please let Jacky Chalmers jacky.chalmers@btopenworld.com know if you are attending as we need to know numbers for catering as a buffet is being provided.

New Tests for 2014

British Dressage has introduced new tests for 2014. SDG are placing orders for these sheets to use them in our competitions next year. Please make sure, when deciding which test you are riding, that you are using the correct version. After the test number a year is quoted also. This will be detailed on our competition schedule.

Training

SDG are trying to book the services of Sue Petty early next year to do training sessions on a Friday and Saturday and to judge on the Sunday at our competition. This will be a very exciting opportunity for our members to utilise. Details to follow soon.

BHS Horsebox and Trailer Safety Day: Saturday 29 March 2014 - 9am -3pm

Do not miss this event, even if you do not have a horsebox or trailer. The information provided by the three speakers (one is a former DEFRA Inspector) will be very useful, even if you are just a car driver.

- Did you know your driving licence has an expiry date?
- Did you know it is an offence not to notify the DVLA if you change address?
- Did you know you can be fined up to £5k if you do not carry ‘the original copy’ of your horse’s passport with you **at all times** when you are transporting your horse?
- Do you know how much your vehicle weighs when fully loaded?

We will also be requiring a horsebox and a car and trailer for the DEFRA officer to carry out an ‘off the record’ vehicle inspection, in the venue car park, for attendees to see what takes place.

Put this date in your diary now! Non members will be welcomed when attending but only with a member. However, they will be charged an increased entry fee, which is yet to be decided. Advanced booking will be essential for this event as numbers will be limited. Details, including booking notification, to follow in the New Year.

Diary Dates (other than competitions)

25 Nov: Club AGM

2 Dec: Pilates evenings

29 March: BHS Horsebox and Trailer Safety Day